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NAPIL Fellowships



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Mission Statement

The NSU Law NAPIL chapter is a student-run organization founded in 1994 to promote public interest legal employment opportunities and to overcome the economic barriers that confront future public interest lawyers. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide funding to students who serve community needs by working in a legal position in the public interest field. Public interest work defined for the purposes of this fellowship is work for a government or nonprofit organization that serves the underfunded community. Students selected for these fellowships will positively reflect the goals and objectives of NAPIL and the Shepard Broad Law Center and will have demonstrated an interest in serving the public interest community.

Student Eligibility

The fellowship is open to first- and second-year law students (and third-year evening students) enrolled at the Shepard Broad Law Center. Students may apply and be eligible for this fellowship more than once in successive terms or years. Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to receive a fellowship award. Students receiving academic credit for their work are not eligible.

Amount and Awarding of Stipend

The amounts of the stipends awarded will depend on the number of applicants, the number of hours and the number of weeks worked by an applicant, and the availability of additional funding to the applicant.

The NAPIL Fellowships are awarded in the form of scholarships credited against tuition. Applicants currently receiving any financial aid, including loans or other scholarships, should be aware that the size of their financial aid awards may limit the amount of funding they can receive from the NAPIL Fellowship and/or the timing of the crediting of the scholarship to their student account. Before applying for the NAPIL Fellowship, students should speak to their financial aid counselor and/or review their financial aid profile to determine any limitations that may be imposed on them in connection with the awarding of this fellowship, and discuss them in their application, as indicated.

Application Requirements

All items below must be received in a timely fashion.
No exceptions will be made.

1. A cover letter to the committee indicating the following:
 - a. Name, Social Security number, and anticipated date of graduation
 - b. Address and telephone number and summer address and telephone number, if different
 - c. Expected place of employment and number of hours per week you intend to work
 - d. Source of funding (if any) and/or any additional source of funding you are applying to receive for this position
2. Current resume
3. Law Center transcript (official or unofficial)
4. One- to two-page statement explaining why you believe you should receive the stipend. This statement should reflect any prior commitment to the public interest law community, other community involvement, reason for wanting to work with the current organization, and any other factors pertinent to the application.
5. Letter or written statement of verification from expected employer, detailing the job description and verifying that you have been hired or are currently being considered for the available position.
6. A statement describing your financial need, including debts incurred, means by which you are paying for your legal education, and any other proposed sources of funding.

Decision Committee

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of NAPIL chapter law students working with at least one faculty member or administrator. Student Social Security numbers, transcripts, and financial data will only be reviewed by a faculty member and/or administrator.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting a completed application is Monday, April 16, 2001. Please submit completed applications directly to the Public Interest Law Center, located in Career Development.

Responsibilities of Fellowship Recipient

Students who receive fellowships must fulfill the terms of employment as submitted in the application. If a student does not complete such terms, he or she will be required to repay the money awarded.

At the completion of employment, the student is required to submit a one- to two-page report to the Public Interest Law Center by Friday, September 7, 2001, documenting the fellowship experience. The student also must obtain a letter from the employer confirming that the student has satisfactorily fulfilled the terms of the employment.

By accepting the fellowships, students consent to their name being forwarded to the national NAPIL organization for possible use in publicity materials. Students may also be requested to submit their reports for publication or to speak about their experiences at a future NAPIL event.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Law Center admits students of any race, sex, sexual orientation, age, color, nondisqualifying handicap, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association (550 West North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202; Telephone number 317-264-8340).



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